

Port of Las Palmas provides 500,000 square feet of completely built-up surface in the *Península del Nido*, available for any company devoted to the production, transformation, handling or trading of goods. The *Arinaga Industrial Zone* is one of the biggest industrial areas in Spain, covering a surface of 48 million square feet. Of this, some 20 million square feet are set aside for industrial activities. The rest of this area is devoted to equipment, and residential areas (The Las Palmas Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping, 1999).

Defining a new waterfront in Genoa

The redevelopment of the Genoese waterfront began with a series of major projects carried out to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1992. The International Expo held in the area of the old port included the cotton warehouses built in 1910 and the entire area of the Free Port. Renzo Piano developed the overall plan, which included the renovation of historic buildings and the construction of the Convention Center and the Aquarium. Today, the area is a public cultural space. In addition to the Aquarium there are bars and restaurants, shops, a multiple theater cinema complex, a children's library, the "City of Children," and the Sea and Navigation Museum. A residential and hotel development is under construction immediately west of the area on the Calvi and Morosini wharves.

To the west is the municipal *Darsena*, which is the subject of a special project for which a portion is already completed. The municipal *Darsena*, located on the waterfront of the historic center, includes an array of buildings with their corresponding water expanse that originated from the ancient core of the dockyard serving the port. With the decline in the port as a trading center, the University Faculty of Economics and Commerce relocated into the *Scio* area. The transformation of the *Darsena* is ongoing, related to the development of the entire historic port.

The municipality has some definite objectives for the area. These include urban and environmental redevelopment with new and complementary activities that support the University's activities and its integration into the bordering *Galata* area. In addition, there are improvements to public space and the infrastructure, and the landscaping of the vehicular and pedestrian ways, with particular attention on the link to the *Prè*, an underground pedestrian crossing under *via Gramsci* and the *Darsena* subway. This improvement includes the *Cembalo* and *Bacinetto* areas, the demolition of the *Famagosta* area up to the level of the adjacent water treatment system, and the recovery of about a hundred parking spaces which are in addition to the 180 spaces currently available on the roof. In addition, the municipality aims to develop new functions in the *Darsena*, including a high school, by redeveloping existing buildings. These redevelopment ideas include the *Tabarca* area, with the possible relocation of compatible activities from the outlying areas and the inclusion of technology systems to serve the historic center.

Another University department entering the *Darsena* is the Faculty of Engineering. Plans call for the renovation of the *Hennebique* building and the *Customs* building to provide approximately 700,000 square feet of